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## TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

**Sunday Morning.**  
The essential characteristic of the very creditable agitation against the coal duty are dealt with elsewhere, but it is worth noting that it was no fault of the Government that the resolution was not carried last week. It had been fully intended that the division should be taken, and nearly every one had made arrangements in accordance with that programme. So many people, however, were still waiting to speak that the Speaker did not like to consent to the closure, and in consequence, Mr. Balfour did not ask for it.

It is always a particularly delicate thing to close a financial resolution, and I am far from saying that the Speaker did not exercise a wise discretion in refusing to apply it. All the same, it is perfectly evident that the prolongation of the discussion of the resolution is merely veiled obstruction, and it is very much to be regretted that the House of Commons has not completely lost control of its own business as to be quite incapable of dealing with this kind of thing unless it is absolutely flagrant.

Let me explain why the discussion is obstructive. This resolution is a mere preliminary, which the forms of the Constitution require, to the real struggle which will take place when the second reading of the Finance Bill comes on. Everything that can be said in the bill, with the additional advantage that in the second case definite amendments, showing what the opponents of the duty would like to put in its place, can much more easily be moved. In such circumstances, it is not really obstruction to throw the whole of public business out of gear in order to state arguments which are only to be repeated later on.

When the Finance Bill does come on the Opposition leaders are prepared with an ingenious little manoeuvre which the Government will do well to take into account. They propose to move an amendment which will undo all those who are dissatisfied with the new taxes of the Finance Bill. I know little being said, and each of us generally thinks that extra taxation ought to have been put upon the other fellow and not upon ourselves. Therefore it behoves the Government to have a careful eye upon this omnibus amendment and see that their supporters are properly "whipped" when it comes on.

Hopes have been raised in the Radical ranks by the resolutions arrived at by the Committee of Service Members on Mr. Brodrick's Army proposals. I fear they are likely to be dashed. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has proposed an amendment which is as far as possible founded on those resolutions, but if he expects the Service Members to support it he is vastly mistaken. The last thing they were to weaken the hands of the Government in the matter of Army Reform, and they are not in the least likely to support an amendment which, if carried, would simply hang up the whole question indefinitely.

The destruction of the last of the Boers' "Long Tom" marks an epoch in the last stages of the war. Perhaps our War Office, now that there are no more of these guns in the hands of the enemy, will devote a little time and attention to considering how they attacked such extraordinary mobility. The day in which these large guns were moved to place was one of the great surprises of the war, and the Boer methods of effecting this apparently impossible feat must be well worth careful study.

Touching the war itself, the best opinion seems to be that July at the very latest will see the end of all fighting. The ideal surrenders are increasing every day, and it is known that both in Botha's and De Wet's commands there are hundreds of men anxious to come in, who are only kept back by the fear that they might not be able to escape the vigilance of their chiefs, and would, if caught, be shot or hanged. The clever surprise and capture of Hana Potha's laager, with all its arms and stores, will probably do a good deal to increase the desire on the part of the average burgher.

The burning and death of a young Australian lady in broad daylight in one of the most carefully-guarded districts of London is simply inexplicable. It is perfectly clear that the London Fire Brigade did their duty thoroughly, and always do for their work at the scene of the fire, within the names of the first call. But what is difficult to understand is that the fireman who had been going on more than half an hour before they received the call at all. There must have been some extraordinary blunder somewhere, and one would like to know whether it was due to any of the firemen being out of order.

For centuries our instructed Frenchmen have gone on believing that it is the common custom of Englishmen to sell their wives at Smithfield Market, and that the law upholds the bargain. I confess it amazes me that a man in Italy is actually true that it is done with his wife, provided it is a mere casual statement. Lombard has claimed it with the French, but it has been solemnly laid down by the Italian judges last week, and I suppose it really is the Italian law.

To listen to some people, you would fancy that American millionaires are going to use up the whole of this country, lock, stock, and barrel, and run it as a limited company. Do you know, I have an idea that England and Irish trade will take a lot of buying and selling, and that we need not shut our windows for the next few weeks, at any rate. American competition is serious, but there is no need to get into a panic about it. After all, we have weathered a good many storms from first to last, and here we are.

## CHINA.

## EXTRAORDINARY ACTION OF GERMANS.

**BRITISH TUG FIRED ON.**  
Tientsin, May 4.—For some time the German bridge across the Pei-ho, at the mouth end of the British concession, has greatly impeded the river traffic. This morning the British tug Ewe touched the bridge, and the Germans thereupon opened fire, wounding two of the crew.—*Reuter.*

**RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.**  
It is reported at Shanghai, says "The Standard" correspondent, that Russia has made the following demands, as compensation for the Chinese Government's refusal to sign the Manchurian Convention:—(1) A rectification of the frontier between Kulla and Russian territory. (2) The cession of a strip of territory in Western Tibet; and (3) A concession for working the gold mines south of the Amur. According to "The Mail" with a view of pushing Russian trade in Manchuria, the Government has arranged to open a permanent exhibition at Kirin in August. Among the commercial exhibits will be soft goods, leather, metal-work, wine, porcelain, colours, preserves, glassware. The correspondent adds that it is thought that it will be comparatively easy to secure a large trade for Russian goods if combined and well-organised attempt be energetically persisted in.

**RESTORATION OF LOT.**  
New York, May 4.—The Paris edition of the "Herald" publishes the telegram from Peking of yesterday's date:—"Some 50 cases of Gen. Frey's loot, including the Imperial bronze lions captured by the French Government, reached here to-day, addressed to the French Minister. The returned loot was paraded through the streets and placed at the disposal of the public. The preliminary to the formal act of restitution caused an immense sensation among the Chinese, but they entertain small hope that the laudable example of France will be followed."

## JACKSONVILLE FIRE: LATEST.

**TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGES.**  
New York, May 4.—The latest telegrams from Jacksonville slightly lessen the severity of this morning's reports of the loss of life and destruction to property. No fatalities have occurred and the damage to property is now estimated at twelve million dollars. The city hall, city banks, and four hotels have been burned to the ground. The neighbouring cities are rapidly sending tents and supplies of food to the people made homeless by the fire.—*Central News.*

**ANOTHER ACCOUNT.**  
Jacksonville, May 4 (Evening).—The latest despatch from Jacksonville states that 120 blocks of buildings have been burned, and that seven deaths have occurred. It is also reported that 20 persons were driven from the docks and forced into the river by the flames and so perished. The river is being dragged. The U.S. Government building, containing the post office, and the United States Courts are the only public buildings which have been saved. The most important retail business portion of the town has been burnt, most of those who had been rendered homeless by the fire spent last night in the parks, docks, and barges. The Governor has ordered the Militia of other cities to come to Jacksonville, lest the negroes should become lawless. A large quantity of household goods were destroyed after they had been removed to supposed places of safety. Money is pouring in from all the towns of Florida by telegraph and express trains, but outside help is needed.—*Reuter.*

## COURTING A WIDOW.

**ESCAPE FROM A NOBILIOUS MARRIAGE.**  
Joseph Henry Johnson, 31, polisher, no fixed abode, was charged at N. London yesterday with stealing a gold watch, two silver and four gold rings, and three chains, the property of Clara Drake, widow, De Beauvoir-st., Kensington. The civil and criminal courts are to judge in her mother's house, 18 months ago, and he had courted her. She however declined his offer of marriage, as she was unable to ascertain anything of his past history. About the 12th of last month he went away, and on the 16th month received a letter signed "Harry," and in prison handwriting, in which he stated that he had done her a great wrong and was going to America. Not knowing what the letter meant she made a search in her wardrobe and then missed the articles mentioned in the charge. Since then she had found some of the rings. Several pawnbrokers' assistants gave evidence as to the prisoner's pledging the articles, and when arrested by Det.-sergt. Burch he pleaded guilty.—Mr. Fordham now asked what was known of prisoner, and Det.-sergt. Burch said that he had been brought up in Dr. Barnardo's home. He was sent out to America 18 years ago, where he married; 18 months ago he deserted his wife there and came to England, going to reside in Mrs. Drake's mother's house. There was another case against the prisoner at Leicester.

## NEW DEPTFORD RECREATION GROUND.

The Hughes Recreation Ground, Deptford, was formally declared open to the public yesterday by Lord Monkswell, Chairman of the Parks Committee of the L.C.C. The ground, which is nearly an acre in extent, is part of the insanitary area which was recently cleared in connection with the Hughes' Fields improvement scheme. The purchase price was £2,300, and a further sum of nearly £2,000 has been spent in laying it out for the use of the children of the neighbourhood. The band of the 2nd Middlesex Rifles was in attendance, and played selections prior to the opening ceremony. The Mayor of Greenwich welcomed Lord Monkswell, and moved a vote of thanks to the council for securing and laying out the ground. The motion having been carried, the grounds opened, amid the cheers of a large gathering. Several speeches were delivered in which the great advantages were pointed out of open spaces for the use of the public.

The Earl of Rosebery, K.G., will celebrate his 54th birthday next Tuesday.

## LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

## HOME.

**Susanah Baxter, 49, died suddenly at Nelson (Lancs.) after eating golden syrup.**  
A Lifeboat Saturday demonstration was held in Bury, followed by a fancy dress ball.

**Elizabeth Dearden was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Lancaster for secret baby farming.**  
John Robert Mordun, chief clerk in a solicitor's office in N. Shields, cut his throat and died in a few minutes.

**The annual demonstration of the local fire brigades and tradesmen's and manufacturers' parades took place at Farnworth.**  
Forty firemen engaged at New Hemsworth Colliery were fined at Pontefract for having left work without notice.

**The Warrington-Northwich Light Railway inquiry was concluded, the promoters undertaking to meet the views of the County Council.**  
A May Carnival was held at Mossley, when the May Queen was crowned in the Market-place in presence of a large number of people.

**The Rev. W. Millington, rector of Cottingham, and formerly of Southampton, died suddenly while in the rectory garden.**  
Harriett Baker, 24, locked herself in her bed-room, at Yarmouth, and hung herself to the rail of the bedstead.

**While P.C. Morgan was going round the grounds of Oakfield, Kirk-tall, Leeds, he discovered a small coffin wrapped in newspaper, containing the body of a fully developed male child.**  
The captain of a Norwegian barque, arrived off Yarmouth from Jamaica with yellow flag hoisted, reported one of his crew was dead from beri beri and another seriously ill.

**On the G.W. Ry., between Wednesbury and Hill Top Tunnel, after an express train from Birmingham to Birmingham had passed, the body of a respectable-looking man was found, the head reduced to a pulp.**  
The annual puppy show in connection with Old Berkle Hunt, was held near High Wycombe. Mr. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, gained the prize for the best dog, Mr. Clarke Marlow, for the best bitch, and Mr. O. Weller, Amersham, for the best couple.

## FOREIGN.

**The strike of working miners at Montevideo has ended.**  
The Union-Castle liner Galician has arrived at Cape Town. She had been delayed by heavy weather.

**The German Emperor has made arrangements to attend the Corne Regatta next August, unless any unforeseen event should prevent him.**  
Messrs. Davis and Ward, the famous American tennis champions, have arranged to compete for the English Championship this season.

**The appointment of Herr Haller to the post of German Minister of Commerce in succession to Herr Bredfeldt may be regarded as certain. He is a manufacturer on a large scale.**  
The Russian Minister of the Interior has decided to prohibit for a month the sale of the "Kos-Jia" in the streets in consequence of the publication of a series of articles of a Liberal tendency.—*Reuter.*

## HAMPTSTEAD AND STREET NOISANCES.

The following bye-law, recently passed by the Hampstead Borough Council, came into force yesterday:—"Street noises. Playing instruments, &c. No person shall sound or play upon any musical or noisy instrument in any public place or highway within 50 yards of any dwelling-house after being required by any constable, or by an inmate of such house personally, or by his or her servant, to desist. The decision of the council will be day be tested by a number of religious bodies, including the local branch of the Salvation Army, and some lively scenes are expected.

## SINGULAR DEATH OF A SCHOOLBOY.

A nine-year-old schoolboy, Edward Hick, attending a school at Cookham Dean, near Marlow, met with his death in a singular manner on Friday afternoon. The child was carrying a pencil in the school playground with a pocket knife, when he was in fun pushed against a wall by a little girl. The knife entered the boy's body in the region of the heart, and he expired suddenly late the same evening, probably from internal injury, as there was no external bleeding.

## NEW WEST-END RESTAURANT.

On the site of what was once a baker's shop at the Piccadilly end of Regent-st. has been erected a palatial restaurant. It has been known hitherto as the Imperial. It has an imposing entrance, and the extensive suite of rooms over are furnished and decorated in most lavish style. The restaurant proper is a spacious apartment, beautifully lighted, and below it is an equally large grill room, the design of both chambers being copied from the interior of the Palace of Fontainebleau. There are also several private dining-rooms decorated in the style of Louis XIV. Comfort reigns supreme, and the service is in every way admirable. The restaurant was formally opened yesterday.

## FATAL FIRE IN BLOOMSBURY.

## INQUEST AND VERDICT.

Dr. Thomas held an inquest yesterday on Florence Rudd, who was burned to death on Thursday at Lincoln Hall, a boarding establishment in Upper Bedford-place, Russell-sq.—Mr. Hewitt said he arrived in England from Australia last week. Deceased, who was a native of England, had lived in Brisbane, and witness had known her for a number of years, and was engaged to be married to her.

Evidence was then given as to the fire arising from a small oil stove which had been placed in a room on the first floor. The staircase and the whole of the upper rooms became involved. There was a trap door leading to the roof, but witness could not say whether a ladder led up to it.—Mr. Hewitt: There was no ladder or anything of the kind.—Helen Moon said on Thursday morning she went to the office to get an oil stove for a bed-room on the first floor. She placed the stove on a table, and stayed in the room five minutes, and then, on going back to the office, found that it was

**FULL OF SMOKE AND FLAMES.**  
She informed a porter, and ran into the next house. She shouted upstairs: that the house was on fire. The fire spread very rapidly, and when she left to go to the staircase past the office. There was no communication between the three houses of the upper rooms, but only on the ground floor and basement.—Mrs. Martin, proprietress, said she had three adjoining houses, communicating on the ground floor and not above. On Thursday she was informed by a letter that the office was on fire. She found that such was the case, and called to some gentlemen guests to get water. She saw the flames catch the wall paper that was varnished, spreading very rapidly. It was not known that deceased had gone to her room till after the fire broke out.

The fireman who arrived on the scene had been told, and Mr. A. Fish, a visitor, said he heard of the fire, and took some water to the office. He found the room all on fire, and seeing that it was impossible to get it out he went to Russell-sq. and gave the alarm. He went back to the house, and was told by someone that the fire was on the stairs. It was then impossible to pass the office and get up the staircase.—Mary Jane Beuchon, a lady visitor, said on opening her door she saw flames coming up the staircase. She shut her door, opened the windows and some persons got ladders to the window and rescued her. The building was situated in the basement of the house, and on arriving at the house in two minutes the escape was slipped from the van. Two hydrants were at once got to work, and within 30 seconds of their arrival the water was being played on the fire. Within three minutes of their arrival the fire was extinguished, and the house was left a ruin. They went there with some ladders rescued the last witness. It was utterly impossible for anyone in the upper rooms to be then alive. The body of deceased was found on the staircase in consequence of the fire. She had fallen from the top floor to the second.—Medical evidence having been given, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

**FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.**  
BAKERS WORKING 12 HOURS AT A STAMPE.  
Mr. Drew held an inquest yesterday on George Wilson, 37, baker, of Brook-rd., Brentford, who died from burns received through a gas explosion at Messrs. J. Lyons and Co.'s Bakers, Cadby Hall, W. Kensington. The inquest was held at the Police Station, stated that within 40 seconds of the alarm the house fire escape was sent out, and on arriving at the house in two minutes the escape was slipped from the van. Two hydrants were at once got to work, and within 30 seconds of their arrival the water was being played on the fire. Within three minutes of their arrival the fire was extinguished, and the house was left a ruin. They went there with some ladders rescued the last witness. It was utterly impossible for anyone in the upper rooms to be then alive. The body of deceased was found on the staircase in consequence of the fire. She had fallen from the top floor to the second.—Medical evidence having been given, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

**SOMEONE'S NEGLIGENCE.**  
The burner on the gas jet in this oven was broken. The tap was outside, and should the gas be left burning, and the oven closed, the steam would put the gas cut, and there would be an escape of gas. There were no regulations written up, and it was understood between the men that the gas should be turned out for their own protection. It was deceased's habit, when finishing work, to see that all the gas taps were turned off, and he told witness afterwards that when he took it off, and opened the door to give the gas, "and the gas jet exploded then occurred." By the Coroner: After so many hours there was no doubt

## THE MEN GOT SLEEPY.

Deceased was a very careful man.—Dr. H. Doonan attributed death to collapse from severe burns on the face, neck and arms.—The Coroner said that no doubt the man must have been sleepy and worn out after such long hours. There appeared to be some laxity about the regulations with regard to the gas jets, accompanied by a certain amount of negligence. The manager of the bakery explained that the gas jet had worked 60 hours a week, but on the day of the accident, the final cup tie was to be played at the Crystal Palace, where the firm were caterers, and received two days' pay for the 18 hours work.—Accidental death.

## WEALTHY YOUTH AND MUSIC MALL BEAUTY.

Paris, May 4.—The suit brought by Baron Van Heeckeren, Chamberlain of the Queen of Holland, as trustee for his nephew, to recover £250,000 from the beautiful music-hall artiste La Cavalliera, upon whom the young fellow squandered the major part of his fortune, has been withdrawn. The parties have agreed to terms. The nature of the arrangement is not stated.—*Dalziel.*

## THE PLAQUE.

## UNREST IN INDIA.

Calcutta, May 4.—Considerable unrest still prevails in the plague-stricken villages in the Bhalok district. Twenty villages have banded together to offer an organized opposition to the plague measures. A nabrisadar, native subaltern, has been killed, and several hospital assistants have been seriously assaulted at Gufferal. Two hundred men of the 46th Punjab Infantry, and 100 sowers of the 18th Bengal Lancers, have been despatched to that place.—*Reuter.*

Lahore, May 4 (4.45 p.m.).—An attack is apprehended here, and the civil authorities have wired for more troops. Two hundred men of the 46th Punjab Infantry are consequently being despatched. The rising is attributed to the maladroitness of the native plague officers.—*Reuter.*

## THE IVORY COAST.

**REPORTED FIGHTING BETWEEN FRENCH AND NATIVES.**  
Paris, May 4.—"The Echo" says:—"It is reported that the situation on the Ivory Coast has been for some time assuming a very critical aspect, and that it is causing grave apprehensions. Various engagements are stated to have taken place between the French troops and the natives. The latter encountered desperate resistance, and were hard pressed. It is even said that some officers were wounded. Gen. Combes has suddenly left Saint Louis (Senegal) for the Ivory Coast, where he will direct the operations."—*Reuter.*

## ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

**PENDING ELECTIONS.**  
MONMOUTH BOROUGH.—Mr. Sheriff Lawrence (U.) and Mr. Spicer (R.) have been nominated. Pelling Tuesday. Vacancy caused by unseating on petition of Dr. R. Harris (U.). Figures at General Election:—Harris (U.), 4,415; Spicer (R.), 3,727. U. majority—688.

CONK (M.). At a convention of the Labour Party Association in Cork yesterday, it was unanimously resolved to adopt Mr. D. D. Sheehan, their secretary and organiser, as the association's representative. Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Callaghan, and Mr. Sheehan, the three candidates, will address the electors in different parts of the constituency to-day.

ESSEX (Walden).—Vacancy caused by the death of Hon. A. Woldehouse (R.), son of the Earl of Kimberley. Probable candidates, Mr. C. W. Gray (U.) and Hon. Philip Stanhope (R.). Figures in 1900:—Woldehouse (R.), 3,247; Gray (U.), 3,157. R. majority—110.

SURREY (Oxted).—Vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P. (U.). 1900.—No contest.

Mr. A. B. Markham, M.P., will address a meeting of his constituents at the Victoria Hall, Mansfield, on Tuesday, when, it is understood, he will make 10 specific charges against the firm of Messrs. Werneher, Beit, and Co. In political circles the speech is being anticipated with much interest. Speculation is rife whether Mr. Markham will repeat the exact phrases he used in Parliament.

## HIGH PRICES FOR PICTURES.

Yesterday the collection of pictures by old masters, the property of the late Mr. A. Buckley, of New Hall, Salisbury, and of the late Dr. Creighton, of Bishop of London, came under the hammer at Christie's. "The Raising of the Cross," by P. P. Rubens, fetched 3,200g.; "Portrait of Miss Wynyard, daughter of Lieut.-gen. Wynyard," by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 2,500g.; "Portrait of Mary, Countess Dowager," by the same artist, 400g.; "Portrait of Lady Georgina Buckley," by G. Romney, 300g.; "Portrait of John Richard West, fourth Earl De La Warr," by the same hand, 250g.; "Portrait of Mrs. Batt," by J. Hoppner, R.A., 500g.; "Portrait of the Artist's Wife," by the same master, 250g.; "A Battle Passing a Stream," by A. Van de Velde, signed and dated 1667, 300g.

## GERMAN GUN FACTORY AT WOOLWICH.

The German gun-making firm, the Rheinisch Metallwaren und Maschinenfabrik, has opened negotiations for the erection of a large factory at Woolwich, with a capital of £4,000,000, and a staff of German workmen and German overseers and managers. The capital for this remarkable piece of enterprise, by means of which Mr. Brodrick can, if he will, get German guns which are not "made in Germany," but do not differ in any other respect from German-made guns, is said to have been almost exclusively subscribed by English capitalists.

## ANOTHER AMERICAN STEAM-BOAT DEAL.

The new White Star Liner Celtic, 21,000 tons, has been chartered by Mr. E. C. Clark, representing the U.W. & N. Ry. of the United States, for a 74 days' Mediterranean pleasure cruise from New York, beginning in February, 1902. The price paid for the huge steamer is stated to be very large.

## THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

## "DAILY TELEGRAPH" AND DEWAR COMPETITIONS.

The 9th annual competition for the "Daily Telegraph" Cup, value 10 gns. (from outright money prizes and medals, the 5th for the Dewar Challenge Trophy, value 1,000 gns. money prizes, and medals, and the individual competition for two silver cups, presented by Maj.-gen. Sir H. Trotter, and money prizes, took place, the "Daily Telegraph" contest finishing on the ranges of the N.R.A. at Bletley, and the Dewar on the Government ranges at Farnborough. The conditions of the "Daily Telegraph" competition are as follows: Each team of Regular troops, Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteer corps of the home district is permitted to enter one team with 16 rank and file with an officer and a sergeant, and all rendezvous at Weybridge and march to the ranges at Bletley, a distance of 10 miles, for which three hours are allowed. On arriving at the ranges each team is inspected and the order given to advance to the attack, the targets being three feet high and eight feet wide, with 100 yards of level ground between the targets, and 10 rounds are fired at distances of 600 and 250 yards, and at 50 or 100 yards on any part of the target count 10 points each, the highest possible score that can be obtained is 250. The volleys are discharged two at each 50 yards, and 10 minutes are allowed for the operation.

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Rifle Range Co. at Staines, a distance of 10 miles, and immediately after the shooting having to be completed within one hour, and the test is a very fair one concerning the clearness of vision of a man after a night's sleep. The conditions of the contest are as follows: Each team of Regular troops, Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteer corps of the home district is permitted to enter one team with 16 rank and file with an officer and a sergeant, and all rendezvous at Weybridge and march to the ranges at Bletley, a distance of 10 miles, for which three hours are allowed. On arriving at the ranges each team is inspected and the order given to advance to the attack, the targets being three feet high and eight feet wide, with 100 yards of level ground between the targets, and 10 rounds are fired at distances of 600 and 250 yards, and at 50 or 100 yards on any part of the target count 10 points each, the highest possible score that can be obtained is 250. The volleys are discharged two at each 50 yards, and 10 minutes are allowed for the operation.

## THE NEW MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COSTERS.

**LONDON STREET MARKETS DOOMED.**  
The campaign originated by a number of the new metropolitan municipalities is being carried on, and during the present week the costers in Kilburn, Holborn, Lambeth, Lewisham and other districts will be served with notices demanding the removal of their stalls from the streets. Since the first resolutions were passed, the subject by the borough councils, the costers have not been idle, and the petitions lying on their stalls asking the authorities to reconsider their decisions have been largely signed, the stall-holders of one noted street market having submitted a petition signed by over 8,000 residents of the immediate locality, whilst others have submitted documents bearing from 5,000 to 6,000 names. The new municipalities, however, remain obdurate, and insist upon their officers carrying out their mandate. The costers, on the other hand, are equally determined to fight the question, and police court proceedings are being commenced week by week, providing evictions, which are carried to the High Courts. In their appeal to the public the costers have been substantially supported financially.

## BILLIARDS.

**DAWSON V. BAYMAN.**  
This match of 9000 up, Dawson conceding 2500, was concluded in Birmingham. After being nearly 3 hours on the table, Dawson panned up, and at the interval was only 100 to the lead. In the evening both men played smart. Dawson making 24 and 140, Bayman 110 and 95. Dawson won out with 107 (unfaded), winning by 140 points. Scores:—Dawson, 9,000; Bayman, 5,800.

## YACHTING.

**LONDON COTI THIAN S.C.**











## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London 2,543 births and 1,532 deaths were registered last week. The births were 182 and the deaths 140 below the average.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes further fell last week to 17.4.

The 1,532 deaths included 50 from measles, 30 from diphtheria, and 43 from whooping-cough.

Different forms of violence caused 78 deaths, concerning all of which inquiries were held.

Of these 78 deaths, eight were cases of suicide and one of homicide, while the remaining 70 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,706 births and 2,067 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 28.5 and 15.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 17.9 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,789,029 persons in the middle of this year.

A goat lives 10 years, and gives a quart of milk a day.

154 out of every 10,000 convicts are usually in hospital.

There were 350 prisoners dealt with in 1899, and 333 last year.

The Amazon has exactly 100 times as much water as the Thames.

In Spanish bull-fights 2,575 bulls are killed yearly, and 3,651 horses.

The average depth of peat is 12 feet, yielding 12,000 tons to the acre.

A captain in the English Army gets £212 a year, in the French £129 only.

Our herding cattle is 280,000 tons a year, worth £2,000,000.

Six thousand people sleep in the open air in London every night.

A horse eats nine times its weight in food in a year, a sheep six times.

At the Tower, Mr. Lavender Hill, tomorrow, Mr. and Miss Lambert will give a summer costume dance.

Austria's colonies equal one-tenth of her area, Great Britain's are 97 times hers.

The population of the British Empire is 25 per cent of the population of the world.

When slavery was abolished in the United States in 1860, 3,979,000 negroes were set free.

Out of 1,614 people inoculated last year in Paris for hydrophobia there were only four deaths.

A record for yachts is held by Mr. Lambert's Wanderer. She made 43,490 miles in 280 days.

There are 1,650 Swiss hotels, capable of accommodating 40,000 visitors, and employing 19,000 servants.

It is estimated that the population of Europe doubles itself every 600 years.

Over 600,000 persons are employed on the railways of the United Kingdom.

Oxford is the greatest University in the world. It has 21 colleges and five halls.

A smart brickmaker can make 4,000 bricks a day. A 16-horsepower machine makes 30,000 in the same time.

Greece was the last of European Powers to adopt the railway. As late as 1880 there were but seven miles in the country.

The population of Greece has risen from 600,000 in 1835 to 2½ million at present, a record for any European country.

Leeds, Sheffield, and Blackburn, with only 17 people to the acre, are the least crowded towns in the United Kingdom.

Women belonging to friendly societies are on sick leave an average of only 13 days in the year, against 15 for the men.

The railway steam-power and sea steam-power of Great Britain are practically the same, each a little under four million horsepower.

The world's coinage, taking that minted during the last 40 years, consists of 1,222 millions sterling of gold, and 222 millions of silver.

160,000 Austrians and 106,000 Italians are always at work in silk factories. England has but 50,000 silk operatives, against 117,000 in 1857.

In the fire at Messrs. Smith and Sons' nurseries at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, last week, no fewer than 30 million young plants were destroyed.

If Parliamentary districts were equally divided, each should contain 59,180 persons. There are actually 14 constituencies which have under 50,000 inhabitants, and seven of over 100,000.

Of every 1,000 square miles of earth's surface Russia, without the Caucasus, owns 164 to Great Britain's 2-10.

With colonies, Great Britain owns 234-4 miles to Russia's 168-2-5. France comes third, with 75-9-10 square miles.

In acquiring the 8 Australian branch of the Transvaal Patriotic Fund with particular respectability, form of application, Mr. Col. Young, secretary, states that the total applicants for assistance from all parts of the Empire already registered include 2,900 widows, 3,700 orphans, and 1,700 other relatives. The available fund is now £400,000.

Out of 75 recruits from various parts of Prussia, 21 of the other day were unable to give any answer when questioned as to who was the Emperor of Germany. Twenty-two designated the Emperor as a great general, nine called him a field-marshal, and six thought him to be a Minister of War. Several thought the late Prince Bismarck was Emperor.

The inventor of Ping-Pong has been discovered. It was Mr. James Gibbs, an old Cambridge athlete, now living at Croydon. Mr. Gibbs is an engineer, and started the game to amuse his leisure on evenings with champagne corkers and the like of cigar-boxes. Thence he advanced to india-rubber balls, and finally sent to America for the well known celluloid.

At the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, Fleet-Paymaster H. H. 11, R.A., who is resigning the post of cashier to the school after 23 years' service, who was preceded by a distinguished career in the Navy, was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial. The subscribers numbered over 1,300, and came from 63 ships, 29 coastguard stations, four dockyards, and two observatories.

The experiment of taxing bachelors is actually to be tried in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., as most people probably believe, and an unprecedented device, for it was tried both in England and Holland at the end of the 17th century. Fiscal history records that the yield from the tax was considerable to begin with, rapidly diminished, and that its consequences were more pleasing to spin-

stars than to Chancellors of the Exchequer.

Canadians eat three times as much fish per head as English people.

50 per cent of German conscripts are blond, 45 per cent, only of Italians.

Paris burns the wood of 1,000 acres of forest a week.

The best part of the Kimberley Diamond Field covers nine acres, with Germany has 21 universities, and 25,700 students.

1,920 professors are to ride round the coast of England and Wales he would cover a distance of nearly 2,500 miles.

England uses 20,000lb. of quinine a year; France, 40,000lb.; Germany, 55,000lb.

Out of 100 deaths in London, 40 take place in winter, and only 12 in summer.

The Plymouth Breakwater cost £1,350,000; the Thames Embankment, £1,710,000.

Only 31 in 100 English clergymen die before they are 65, against a general average of 44.

Dock-ends in Hamburg for a vessel of 200 tons would be £110, in Amsterdam only £48.

According to assurance statistics, testotesters may expect 17 years more life than drinkers.

Although there are 214,000 acres of orchards in England, yet we buy 100,000 tons of apples abroad in a year.

There are 100 less than 100 below the death-rate in 65 in 1,000; in those over 200 below it rises to 80 per 1,000.

The River Ganges is nearly 1,600 miles in length, and drains an area of 750,000 square miles.

Glucose is now manufactured largely from corn starch. Its commercial value lies in its use as an adulterant of wine and beer.

The highest trees in the world belong to a species of eucalyptus found in Australia. Single specimens have grown to a height exceeding 400ft.

The most expensive harbour in the world is that of Cherbourg, finished by Napoleon at a cost of 31 millions sterling.

Of squirrel-skins the tails are the most valuable part, being used for fur coats, and for making camels-hair paint-brushes.

Servia's total revenue is under two millions, the smallest of any European State. Rumania has nearly seven millions a year.

6,040 people are murdered yearly in Europe. Italy holds the record with 2,902. Belgium has fewest, 66 only, and Switzerland 63.

The imports of oranges into the United Kingdom amount to two millions sterling a year; about one-third of our total fruit imports.

Over 100,000 people are registered in the United Kingdom, with membership of over 11 millions, and 38 millions of funds.

The United Kingdom produces 29 million oysters a year, France 300 million, and the United States 3,600 million.

England has 1,150,000 lawns a year. Scotland, 75,000; Germany, 329,000; Italy, 1,300,000; France, 705,000.

India absorbs gold and silver at the rate of six millions sterling a year. Most of this is hoarded or made into ornaments.

British cattle increased last year from 6,755,729 to 6,935,170. Sheep, on the other hand, decreased by 705,000, and pigs by 250,000.

The grapes have more sugar in it than any other fruit, nearly 15 parts in 100 being sugar. The peach has least, only 11 per cent.

The Scot. of the Union Line, holds the England to Cape record. Fourteen days 11 hours was her quickest run. Her speed was 17-23 knots.

Athens buys wheat from Odessa, in Russia, the 1,000 miles carriage by sea being cheaper than that on home-grown wheat from 30 miles inland.

436,000 of the total income of the English Church goes to other than clergyman, leaving an actual income of just under six millions sterling.

Mr. Beinton, of Beverley, a well-known Yorkshire farmer and large landowner in the East Riding, died this week aged 87. He founded the East Riding Chamber of Agriculture.

Not only is education free in New Zealand, but, where necessary, children are conveyed to and from school gratuitously on the Government railways.

The average weight of animals killed for food is to-day nearly 50 per cent greater than 60 years ago. Oxen weigh 1,020 against 730, and sheep 80 against 50.

At Marylebone, Albert Bradshaw, 30, was committed for trial charged with bicycle thefts. It was stated that the prisoner had been convicted at Salford, Liverpool, Bury, Cambridge, and other places.

In 1830 there were 77 sheep to every 1,000 of Europe's population. This number has fallen to 56 at present. The ratio of horses is unchanged. It has been 11 per 1,000 for the past 70 years.

The King of Italy has bought most of the best dogs shown at the Milan dog show. They are to be presented to King Menelik, who had expressed a wish to possess them. It is, however, known that imported dogs usually die in Adis Ababa—the elevation is too high.

In order to obviate the frequent disputes as to the ages of children, the steamboat authorities in Switzerland have decided that in every case where doubt arises the child must be measured. All children under 2ft. are to have five pence, those between 2ft. and 4ft. are to pay half fare.

Five years ago a furniture factory at Toronto, owned by Mr. Zollner, failed. A dividend of 25 per cent was paid, and the balance promised as soon as might be. A few days ago Mr. Zollner gave a grand banquet to his creditors and paid them every cent he could. Among the guests was the Attorney-General of Ontario.

A novel experiment was tried at Ipswich Unitarian Church on Sunday evening by the new minister, the Rev. Lucian Taverer. Instead of preaching the ordinary sermon he took with him into the pulpit a copy of the pre-Raphaelite picture by Sir John Millais, called "The Boy with the Dead Lamb." It was founded in the House of his Friends, and was an exposition of the painting, specially emphasizing the spirit of self-sacrifice underlying the thought of the artist.

Henley is not content with its world-wide repute for its regatta. It is anxious to be more constantly patronised as a river-side resort. A committee of the corporation has just been appointed "to consider the advisability of calling the attention of the British public to the many attractions of Henley and the neighbourhood." Henley already possesses many features to recommend it to holiday-makers, and one of the latest inducements to popularity is the

provision of golf links, which promise to be a most successful adjunct.

Kaffirs own nine-tenths of the 12 million acres of Natal.

London people spend, on an average, 22s. a year in various charities.

It is illegal to deal in game more than 10 days after close time for the particular bird or animal has begun.

Out of 1,000 European emigrants 570 go to the United States, 280 to South America, and 105 to British Colonies.

Germany's National Debt is 450 millions, that of Austria nearly 750 millions.

Glasgow was the first British town to receive a license for municipal telephones.

In 1865 the National Debt of the United States was £16 per inhabitant. It is now less than £3 a head.

1,935 of the English clergy have incomes of less than £100 a year, and 2,958 under £200.

Great Britain has now only 4,759,153 acres under crops, a decrease of 150,000 acres in two years.

Greece has only three pigs to every 100 people. England has 10 to every 100 of her population.

Australia has most sheep per head of the population, and Serbia and Rumania have most pigs.

An average elevation above sea level is 7,000ft. only, the mean of the whole world being 2,200ft.

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster have taken a house at Windsor.

Eight bookmakers were fined £5 each at West Ham for betting in the streets.

The average age of bachelors who marry spinsters is 28, but of widowers who marry widows just under 50.

The nearest approach of a comet to the earth observed was in 1770, when one approached to within 1,400,000 miles of our planet.

Mr. Morrill, ex-governor of Kansas, is now preparing in Kansas an orchard that will be the largest in the world. He is planting 64,000 apple trees in the orchard, which is 880 acres in extent.

The War Office contemplates establishing ranges near Leydown, the most easterly parish in the Isle of Sheppey, overlooking the sea, for field firing.

A little boy named Alfred Knighton, of Peterborough, with 20 companions, inspected the Corporation Sewage Farm. He fell into a filtering tank and was suffocated.

An Italian named Carlo Carbelli was sent to eight months' hard labour at Dover for indecently assaulting a little girl named Cooper, living in the district of Dover.

An authority on heights in a medical journal states that the height of a very tall British woman was 50 years ago 5ft. 7in., while now the height averages 5ft. 6in. to 5ft. 10in.

In Leeds 79 out of every 10,000 deaths are due to traffic accidents. This is a record for England, the next most deadly town being London, with 37 deaths in 10,000.

Count Georg Waldstein, an Austrian nobleman, who was on a shooting expedition in India, has died at Darjeeling. The body has been embalmed, and will be sent to Austria by the first steamer.

Lieut. Gussner, who has just completed his term of office as commandant of the submarine boat Nerax, has died in the naval hospital at Cherbourg from exhaustion attributed to anxiety and overwork.

The proposed Italian Gorgonzola cheese trust has fallen through, in consequence of a want of unanimity among the exporting houses. As a result, the price of Gorgonzola is less in England than in Italy.

The French Ministry of Marine announces that a new first-class torpedo-boat has been launched successfully at Saigon. This is the first occasion on which a French man-of-war has been constructed in the colonies.

Experiments made at Kansas, in Russia, have proved that the soil in Siberia is not so different from that in Pennsylvania as was supposed. The wells on the Lake of Baikal are said to be rich and reliable, so far as the borings go down.

At Epworth, Thomas Stacey was sentenced to six months' and £100 fine for the offence of imprisonment for fishing at the Epworth Spring Meeting. Prisoners succeeded in getting into Tattersall's ring and making a book there.

Selwood Morvan, the champion deer-bond of the world, has died at Joppa, near Edinburgh. His record consisted of 153 first prizes, 30 championships, 96 medals, and 100 other honours. He bound Challenge Plate for four successive years.

Pennies do not consist of copper alone, there being in them 2 per cent. of tin and 3 per cent. of zinc to 95 of copper. They cost the Government about 1s. 9d. a pound exclusive of stamping, and there are 48 in a pound weight.

Some of the wooden churches of Norway are fully 700 years old, and are still in excellent state of preservation. Their timbers have successfully resisted the frosty and almost Arctic winters because they have been repeatedly coated with tar.

The biggest clock in America is in the city of a public building in Philadelphia. It is 35ft. from top to bottom. Its bell weighs over 20,000lb. The dial is 25ft. in diameter, the minute hand 12ft. long and the hour hand 9ft. The numerals on the face being 2ft. 8in. in length. A three-hour power engine winds the clock.

At five years of age boys are mainly taller than girls, but the girls appear to equal them at the seventh year, and continue thus up to and including the ninth year, after which the boys rise again above the girls for two years. At about 12 years the girls suddenly become taller than the boys, continuing until the fifteenth year, when the boys again regain their superiority in stature.

A noiseless alarm clock would prove a boon to a host of sufferers from unreasonable din. The suggestion is made that a silent alarm can be given by focusing an electric lamp upon the head of the person to be awakened, and arranging a switch so that the current to light the lamp would be turned on by the clock at the desired time. It is claimed that the flash of light would invariably arouse the sleeper.

Greater attention to the eyesight of school children appears to be a pressing need of the age—in cities, at least. An investigation by Prof. Snodgrass shows that eye defects are increased one-third by the first three years of school life, and that in ordinary schools 33 per cent. have only two-thirds of ordinary keenness of sight, while in one school this proportion reached 45 per cent. The balance of

pupils is due in great measure to eye defects.

Ireland lost 1,740,000 people by famine during the past century.

A Roman general named Marcellus was robbed at Monaco this week of jewels worth £4,000.

A special feature of the Dusseldorf exhibition of next year is to be the collection of documents and relics of the Romans in Germany.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has taken up photography, having been initiated by Baroness Haugens, one of her Maids of Honour.

The King has been very successful with his lamb at Windsor this season. They number over 400—an increase on last year's total.

For obstructing Earl Russell while driving his motor-car between Alton and Alton Park Station, Mr. Markham, M.P., has retained Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., to defend him in view of possible litigation by Messrs. Werner, Beit, and Co.

The record price of 1,160 guineas was paid at Christie's this week for an engraving of Mrs. Caracac, after Sir Joshua Reynolds by J. H. Smith.

British trade unions pay £1,100,000 to operatives who are ill, and £2,000,000 to those who are out of work. £300,000 is the average payment to those on strike.

If 1s. 6d. is paid for coal, the miner gets 2s. 7d., the colliery 1s. 9d., the railway 3s., and the middleman 4s. 2d. The landowner gets a royalty of 6d. a ton.

Jonas Thornley, a 70-year-old inmate of Boston Union Workhouse, has received notice that by the death of a colonial relative he is entitled to a legacy of several hundred pounds.

The White Rose of York Lodge has just been consecrated at the Holborn Restaurant by the Lord Secretary of England, Mr. L. L. Llewellyn, in the presence of a numerous company. Sir A. Newton has been installed as the first W.M., and Mr. H. J. Barker as secretary. The warrant for the lodge was one of the earliest to be granted by the Duke of Connaught, the King's successor as Grand Master.

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